

17. (Amended) The rotating electric machine of Claim 13, wherein:

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said elongated member including a plurality of small conductors combined into a bundle having a predetermined cross-sectional area [of sufficient size] and configured to deflect short-circuit currents arising in the end winding region during a fault event.

18. (Amended) The rotating electric machine of Claim 13, further comprising:

a spacer made of resilient, electrically conducting material, said spacer being applied between [said elongated member and another elongated member] high-voltage cables in the end winding region and positioned to contact respective outer semi-conducting layers of the high-voltage cables.--

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-26 are pending, Claims 14, 15, 17 and 18 having been amended by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action the drawings were objected to; the specification was objected to; Claims 14-20 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph; Claims 14, 15, and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; Claim 26 was rejected as being anticipated by Nikitin et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,429,244, hereinafter Nikitin); Claim 13 was rejected as being unpatentable over Nikitin in view of Anderson et al (U.S. Patent No. 3,670,192, hereinafter Anderson); Claims 14 and 15 were rejected as being unpatentable over Nikitin in view of Anderson and Raschbichler et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,360,748, hereinafter Raschbichler); Claim 21 was rejected as being unpatentable over Nikitin in view of Anderson and Auclair (U.S. Patent No. 5,429,532); Claim 23 was rejected